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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/734,275	Applicant(s) AHN ET AL.	
	Examiner Leonardo Andújar	Art Unit 2826	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 92-110 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 92-99 and 107-110 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 100 and 103-106 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 101 and 102 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgment

1. The pre amendment filed on 12/15/2003 has been entered. The present Office action is made with all the suggested amendments being fully considered. Accordingly, pending in this Office action are claims 92-110.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

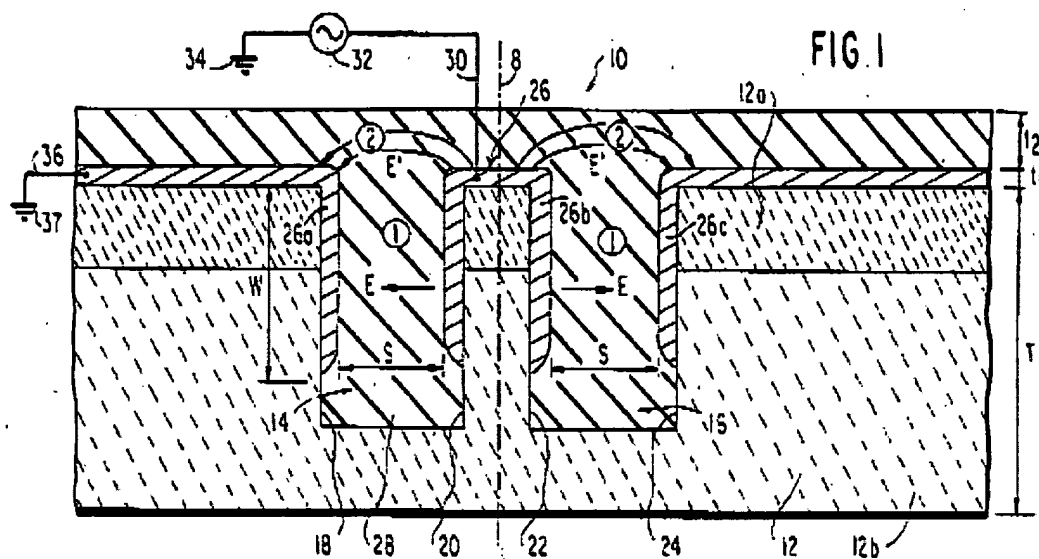
2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 100 and 103-106 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over anticipated by Dalman (US 4,575,700) in view of Tran (US 6,259,407).

4. Regarding claim 100, Dalman (e.g. figs. 1-3/ col. 1/lis. 9-30) shows a processor coupled to an integrated circuit comprising: a substrate 12; a signal conductor line 26b over the substrate, wherein the signal conductor line is over a first insulating layer 28 on the substrate; and wherein the first insulating layer is at least partially between the conductor line and a top surface of the substrate (i.e. region 20' in fig. 2), at least two longitudinal ground conductor planes 26a/c formed over the substrate and on both sides of the signal conductor line and spaced apart from the signal conductor line to form

respectively gaps, and at least two trances 14/16 in the substrate at the respective gaps.



Dalman teaches that the conductor layer 26 can be made of aluminum, silver or gold (col. 4/lls. 42-53). However, Dalman does not teach that the conductor line can be made of copper. Tran teaches that copper is a suitable material for coplanar waveguides (col. 8/lls. 16-18). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use copper to make the conductor layer disclosed by Dalman as taught by Tran since it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known material on the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of obvious design choice. In re Lashing, 125 USPQ 416.

5. Regarding claims 103-106, although Dalman teaches most aspects of the instant invention the device dimensions are not disclosed (i.e. trench depth, gap width, signal conductor width, ground/signal conductor thickness). Dalman discloses that the device dimensions are design choice variables that are subject to optimization (col. 2/II. 62-col.

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3/II. 7). Moreover, the dimensions as claimed by applicant, absent any criticality, is only considered to be the "optimum" value of the dimensions disclosed by the Prior Art that a person having ordinary skill in the art would have been able to determine using routine experimentation based, among other things, on the desired accuracy, manufacturing costs, etc. (see *In re Boesch*, 205 USPQ 215 (CCPA 1980)), and since neither non-obvious nor unexpected results, i.e., results which are different in kind and not in degree from the results of the prior art, will be obtained as long as the semiconductor device is used as already suggested by the Prior Art

Allowable Subject Matter

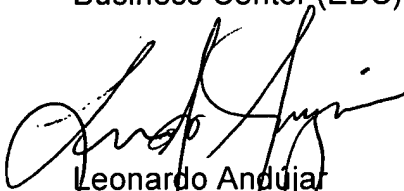
6. Claims 92-99 and 107-110 allowed.
7. Claims 101 and 102 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leonardo Andújar whose telephone number is 571-272-1912. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon through Thu from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM EST.
9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Flynn can be reached on 571-272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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